



Lake Update January 2011

In response to comments from some of last years visitors, that they had been troubled by too many small fish during the nights, we took the decision that we would pull a net through in the winter with the intention of removing as many silvers as possible along with all of the small Carp (under 10lbs). The added bonus of doing this would allow the larger Carp to utilise the food we feed as well as giving us the opportunity to check the bio mass in the lake.

Early January was bloody cold but ideal conditions to net so with the aid of some friends we set to and very successful we were! A total of 346lb of silvers and 270lb of smaller Carp were caught and removed (they have all gone to new homes elsewhere), the other benefit was to see and check over our bigger inhabitants the biggest shock was our previous "big girl" that came out in September at 42.2lb and now tipped the scales at 46lb there was a fair amount of spawn contribution here but she has also put on body mass, most of our other "known" fish had developed well and the grassie showed her face (still not been caught), we've now got 3 fish over the 40 mark. There were a few smaller ones that were just too pretty to get rid of; they went back in to get big.

With that part of the work done and the bio mass sums completed, we ordered and took delivery of 40 pristine commons between 14 and 20lb, so visitors are still likely to be "troubled" by catching too many fish they just won't be small ones.

We've not been sitting on our bums throughout the winter either, apart from all of the normal maintenance work that is never ending, we had the man and digger in again this year to carry out some heavy work (and make a mess), swim 5 is now fully re-built and much larger, the access track from cabin to far bank has been dug out waiting for the delivery of stone and gravel which is due in the next couple of weeks, the area behind swim 1 platform has been dug out to give a decent sized flat area big enough for a bivvy.

The cabin is being treated to a new shower as the old one resisted all attempts to stop it leaking onto the floor. For a few pictures from the netting and some of the works carried out [check out our latest gallery](#)